MINING, BUSINESS AND STOCKS

SILVER KING DIRECTORS MEET

Matter of Closing Down Mine Temporarily Will Be Discussed This Afternoon.

LITTLE MONEY IN LEAD ORES.

Between the Low Market for Metal And Exaction of Smelters Outlook is Dark.

The directors of the Silver King Coalition Mines company are scheduled to hold a meeting this afternoon when in all probability, some definite action will be taken relative to the temporary suspension of operations. According to information coming pretty close to the inside during the forenoon there seems to be little doubt but that an order to close down will go out and that it will become effective on Jan. 1.

"There is little else for us to do," one official of the company is quoted as saying today," with the prevailing market conditions to contend with, together with the penalties exacted from the smelters. I want to tell you there is not very much money in lead ores now. While we may be able to run and a little more itself pay expenses, at the same time we would be practically throwing away our resources to continue production."

It has been learned from another source that the Silver King company has been preparing for a shut down for the past two or three weeks.

None of the other companies have, as yet, taken any official action. Manager Bamberger of the Daly West company declared during the forenoon that as far as his company is concerned the question has not been definitely settled; but it is known that he favors shutting down for a few months. Manager Lambourne of the Daly Judge was in Park City today; but if the Silver King and Daly West go out of commission it is almost a certainty that the Judge will follow suit.

It is hoped that the worst will not come; for with the camp practically dead during the winter there is bound to be more or less hardship experienced.

At Alta, there is to be a reduction in the forces at the Columbus Consolidated and South Columbus mines. Manager Jacobson has declared his intention of cutting shipments down to the minimum if not entirely. The same conditions exist in the Tintic district and unless a change comes for the better many men will be thrown out of employment there.

Several Pioche properties will cease operation on New Year's day. The outlook for the lead-silver mines at the dawn of 1908 is anything but bright.

ON MINING EXCHANGE.

Seven Troughs Mining Active and Higher—Closing Quotations.

Seven Troughs Mining Co. held the center of the stage today on the floor of the Salt Lake Stock and Mining Exchange. Trading in this stock was brisk and prices were inclined upward. Uncle Sam Consolidated remained remarkably firm; while Beck Tunnel weakened. Colorado sold as high as $2.20, and back again to $2.17½, and Lower Mammoth sank to 39 cents. Ohio Copper sold at $2.52½ and $2.55. The closing quotations and sales were reported as follows:

UNLISTED STOCKS.

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Ely Witch	.....	.30
Ohio Copper	2.50	2.57½
Copper Glance	.11½	.12½
Weimer Copper	.03	.20
Mason Valley	.70	.85
Bingham Standard	.....	.15
Copper Glance	.11	.....
Sil. King Coalition	3.00	3.20

A. M. LISTED STOCKS.

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Albion	.....	.45
Alice	1.50	2.25
Ajax	.20	.25
Bullion Beck	.75	1.87½
Carisa	.20	.25
Creole	.....	.25
Con. Mercur	.22½	.27
Daly	.....	1.50
Daly Judge	3.50	4.00
Eagle & Blue Bell	.....	2.00
Grand Central	2.75	2.85
Horn Silver	.....	2.00
Indian Queen	.....	.10
Little Bell	1.00	1.25
Lower Mammoth	.40	.44
Lou Dillon	.....	.10
Mammoth	1.70	2.00
May Day	.25	.27
Nevada Hills	2.75	2.02½
Nevada Fairview	.....	2.00
Sacramento	.02½	.05
Silver Shield	.....	.07½
Stray Dog	.06½	.....
Swansea	.....	.25
South Swansea	.....	.06
Uncle Sam Con.	.40	.40½
Victoria	.60	1.15
Butler Liberal	.02	.09
Beck Tunnel	.49	.49¾
Black Jack	.20½	.21
Century	.....	.10
Colorado Mining	2.17½	2.22½
Crown Point	.15	.15½
Ingot	.....	.03½
IBex	.....	.14
Iron Blossom	22½	23½
Inyo	.....	.20
Joe Bowers	.....	.12
Lead King	.....	.13
Little Chief	.03½	.06
Mountain Lake	.25	.31
New York	.....	.04
Rich Anaconda	.....	12½
Scottish Chief	.01	.01¾
South Columbus	.49	.52
Sioux Con.	.15	.15
Seven Troughs	.34½	.35
Tetro	.01	.02
Victor Con.	.04¾	.05
Wabash	.02	.....
Yankee Con.	.25½	.28

REGULAR A. M. SALES.

Lower Mammoth—100 at 43½; 100 at 42½.

Want to Buy

1000 Utah-Idaho Sugar, pfd. ..... $ 7.15
(December Div. included)
50 Amalg. Sugar pfd. .. 89.00
200 Lewiston Sugar 11.50
10 Z. C. M. I. 179.00
20 Amalg. Sugar Com. 147.50
10 Des. National 269.00

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This Morning's Metals.

LEAD, steady,	3.50@3.60
COPPER (Casting), lb.	12⅝
COPPER (Cathodes),	11 11.16
LEAD, per 100 lbs.,	$3.50

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS.

COPPER, easy,	13⅝@13½
SILVER, per ounce,	52½

May Day—500 at 27.
Uncle Sam—300 at 40½; 500 at 40, S. Co.
Beck Tunnel—1,200 at 40½; 2,300 at 49, S. 30.
Black Jack—500 at 2½.
Colorado—100 at 2.17½, S. 20.
Crown Point—500 at 15½.
Iron Blossom—1,200 at 23½.
So. Columbus—100 at 53.
Sioux Con.—4,600 at 15.
Seven Troughs—1,000 at 34, S. 30; 1,500 at 35, S. 30; 2,500 at 35, 500 at 35½, B. 30; 500 at 35, B. 30.
Victor Con.—500 at 4.

OPEN BOARD.

Beck Tunnel—1,200 at 49½.
Black Jack—1,800 at 21.
Crown Point—2,000 at 15.
Colorado—200 at 2.20; 500 at 2.17½.
Daly Judge—250 at 3.50.
Daly West—100 at 8.00; 50 at 7.75.
Lower Mammoth—1,400 at 40; 100 at 40½; 700 at 39, S. 30.
Seven Troughs—1,500 at 35; 1,500 at 35, S. 30; 500 at 35½; 1,500 at 35½, S. 60; 1,000 at 36, B. 30.
Uncle Sam Con.—1,700 at 40; 100 at 40½.
Yankee Con.—300 at 26½.

RECAPITULATION.

	Shares.	Value.
Regular	18,500	$5,659.75
Open board	17,200	9,475.00
Forenoon totals	35,700	$15,134.75

P. M. LISTED STOCKS.

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.
Albion	.....	.45
Alice	1.50	2.25
Ajax	.....	.30
Carisa	.....	.27
Creole	.....	.30
Con. Mercur	.22½	.30
Columbus Con	1.70	2.25
Daly	.....	1.50
Daly Judge	3.00	3.05
Daly West	.....	8.35
Eagle & Blue Bell	.....	2.00
Grand Central	2.75	3.00
Horn Silver	.....	2.00
Indian Queen	.....	.15
Little Bell	1.10	1.47½
Lower Mammoth	.35	.39
Lou Dillon	.....	.10
Mammoth	1.65	2.00
May Day	.25	.26½
Nevada Hills	2.54	2.85
Nevada Fairview	4.50	5.00
Ontario	.....	3.00
Sacramento	.03½	.05
Silver Shield	.....	.07½
Swansea	.20	.25
South Swansea	.....	.05¾
United States (com.)	31.00	.....
Utah Mine	.....	1.70
Uncle Sam Con	.39½	.40
Victoria	.50	1.15
Butler Liberal	.03	.10
Beck Tunnel	.49½	.50
Black Jack	.20½	.21
Century	.....	.10
Colorado Mining	2.17½	2.20
Crown Point	.15	.16
Emerald	.....	.10
Ingot	.....	.02½
Iron Blossom	.23	.23½
Inyo	.....	.19
Joe Bowers	.....	.02
Lead King	.11½	.....
Little Chief	.03½	.06
Mountain Lake	.26	.30
New York	.....	.04
Richmond Anaconda	.....	.15
Scottish Chief	.04¼	.04½
South Columbus	.48½	.50
Sioux Con.	.15	.15½
Seven Troughs	.35	.35½
Tetro	.01	.03
Utah Michigan	.....	.02
Utah Con. (Tintic)	.04	.04¾
Wabash	.03	.10
Yankee Con.	.23	.28

REGULAR P. M. SALES.

Nevada Hills, 200 at 2.75.
Uncle Sam Con., 100 at 39½.
Black Jack, 200 at 20½.
Colorado, 1,300 at 2.17½; 100 at 2.17½, seller 10.
Iron Blossom, 1,000 at 23, seller 60; 2,500 at 23½; 3,000 at 23, seller 30.
Scottish Chief, 4,000 at 1½.
Sioux Con. 200 at 15; 500 at 15½.
Seven Troughs, 500 at 36, seller 20; 2,500 at 36; 500 at 36, buyer 30; 6,200 at 35½; 2,000 at 35.

COPPER MOVEMENTS.

Yesterday's Report of Imports and Exports from New York.

Boston, Dec. 27.—The Boston News Bureau says: A New York dispatch says: "Yesterday's copper imports were 320 tons of bars or slabs and 200 tons of matte, exports were 778 tons, 633 from New York and 145 from Baltimore. The December movement to date imports 3,170 tons and exports 30,251 tons. Since Jan. 1, imports have been 107,639 tons and exports 220,397 tons."

U. S. DECLARES DIVIDEND.

(Pollock Special Wire.)

Boston, Dec. 27.—The U. S. Smelting, Refining & Mining company has declared a dividend of 50 cents per share on common and 87½ cents on preferred shares, payable Jan. 15, to stock of record Jan. 2.

CUT IN COLORADO.

Smelting Companies Lower Treatment Charges on Ores.

(Pollock Special Wire.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Reports from Cripple Creek say the United States Reduction & Refining company, and also the American Smelting & Refining company have announced the heaviest reduction in rates for the treatment and transportation of ores ever known in recent years. The cut is from 20 to 25 per cent from the charges made on Oct. 15, which were also a big cut from the previous rates.

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DOWN AT CACTUS.

Company Officials Making Inspection—New Power Line.

Samuel Newhouse, president; Lafayette Hanchett, general manager, and A. D. Moffatt, superintendent of the Newhouse mines, departed for Beaver county last night. This the first time in several months that Mr. Newhouse has made a personal inspection of the properties of the company. In the south and he expects to put in a couple of days in looking over the surface and in examining conditions underground.

The shipments from the Cactus mine have been considerably larger this month than many people had been led to suppose. There have been few months in the past when the output of ore has been as good. It has been explained however, that the unusual activity in low copper market times is due to the fact that the company is about to install a lot of additional electrical equipment and that there has been no desire on the part of the management to go in debt for it. Consequently, a larger tonnage has been shipped this month than otherwise would have been the case.

It was learned today that the Telluride Power company is making good progress with the construction of its Beaver county power line. The equipment for the power house is on the ground and being installed; the poles for the transmission wires have been strung to the Cactus mine and have been set to a point between Milford and Frisco; with the crew engaged in this work being followed closely by another stringing the wires. It is expected that the Telluride Power company will begin to deliver power to the Cactus in about six or seven weeks. The distance between the power plant on Beaver creek, near Beaver City, to the Newhouse properties is about 50 miles.

BISCUIT ANNUAL.

The annual meeting of stockholders of the Biscuit Mining company was held yesterday afternoon and the retiring board of directors was re-elected, consisting of the following: President, Peter H. Cannon; vice president, Frank J. Cannon; secretary, Joseph H. Hyde; who, with H. J. Cannon and J. J. Cannon, are directors. A. E. Hyde, Jr., will continue in the position of manager of the company. The Biscuit Mining company is operating at Cherrry Creek, Nev.

WILL PASS DIVIDEND.

Directors So Decided in Meeting Held At Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The directors of the Tonopah Mining company of this city, whose property is located at Tonopah, Nev., passed the dividend on the stock of the company at its meeting today. The par value of the stock is $1 a share and recent dividends have been at the rate of 25 cents quarterly. The stock sold as high as $21 a share but has been steadily declining, the low point in recent years being reached when the stock sold at 4¾.

Accompanying the announcement of the passing of the dividend was a statement that the company has an indebtedness of $578,240, and the directors deemed it wise to defer the payment of dividends until this debt is cleared.

The net earnings for the quarter ending Nov. 30 are stated to have been $301,520.

WAGES TO BE REDUCED.

New Schedule for Tintic Becomes Effective January 1.

Just as anticipated that they would do, the members of the Tintic Mine Owners' association met today and decided on a new schedule of wages to become effective on Jan. 1 and which amounts to a reduction of 25 cents a day from the schedule now in force. Beginning with the new year, muckers, trammers and car runners will receive $2.50; miners, $2.75; machine men, helpers and tender men, $3 a day.

It is believed that the men affected by the reduction will accept the new schedule without offering complaint, in view of the prevailing condition of the metal market.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—The quotations on Nevada mining stocks are reported by the San Francisco Stock exchange as follows:

COMSTOCK.

Ophir, 1.22½@1.25; Mexican, 21@32; Gould & Curry, 13@14; Con. Va., 59@60; Savage, 41@42; Hale & Norcross, 46@47; Yellow Jacket, 1.75@2.00; Belcher, 20@21; Confidence, 52 bid; Sierra Nevada, 41@42; Exchequer, 21 asked; Union, 27 bid.

TONOPAH.

Tonopah Nevada, 5.12½ asked; Montana Tonopah, 1.92½@1.95; MacNamara, 16 bid; Midway, 55@58; Tonopah Belmont, 85 asked; Tonopah North Star, 6 bid; Ohio Tonopah, 3 asked; West End Con., 3.20 bid; Rescue, 5 asked; Tonopah & California, 2 bid; Golden Anchor, 2 bid; Jim Butler, 40@41; Cash Boy, 2 asked; Monarch Pitts. Ext., 1@2; Montana Midway Ext., 1@3; Golden Crown, 4 asked.

GOLDFIELD.

Sandstorm, 20@22; Col. Mt., 17@18; Jumbo Ext., 55@58; Vernal, 5 bid; Pennsylvania, 3 asked; Kendall, 11@13; Booth, 19 bid; Blue Bull, 17@18; Adams, 6@7; Silver Pick, 27@28; Nevada Boy, 2@4; Black Butte Ext., 4 bid; Blue Bell, 8@9; Dixie, 4@5; Goldfield Columbia, 3 bid; Hibernia, 2 bid; St. Ives, 43 bid; Conqueror, 4 bid; Black Rock, 2 bid; Lone Star, 9@10; G. Wonder, 3 asked; Oro, 9 bid; Kendall Ext., 1@3; Sandstorm Ext., 3 bid; Mayne, 2 bid; Atlanta, 29@30; Gt. Bend, 28@29; Simmerone, 3 bid; Empire, 5 asked; Red Top Ext., 13@14; Florence, 3.75@3.77½; D'field B. B. Cons., 15@18; Goldfield Daisy, 90@91; Commonwealth, 10 asked; Comb. Fraction, 73@75; Gt. Bend Ext., 5 bid; Gt. Bend Annex, 3 bid; Milltown, 5 bid; B. B. Bonanza, 2 bid; Kewanos, 24 bid; Esmeralda, 1 bid; Portland, 8@10; Crackerjack, 7@8; Red Hills, 30@31; Mohawk Ext., 5 asked; L. Dillon, 4 bid; Y. Tiger, 13@15; Grandma, 7@8; S. P. Ext., 3 asked; Y. Rose, 4 asked; Col. Mt. Ext., 3 asked; Goldfield Con., 4.55@4.57½; D'field Trinagle, 7@8.

BULLFROG.

Original, 3 bid; Bullfrog Mining, 5 bid; Mont. Bullfrog, 1@2; National Bank, 10 bid; L. Harris, 2 asked; Amethyst, 7@8; Gold Bar, 37@40; Denver Bullfrog Annex, 3 bid; Bonnie Clare, 19 bid; Mayflower Con., 15@16; Montgy. Sho. Exten., 2@3; G. Scepter, 2@4; Montgy. Mt., 3 bid; Homestake Con., 75@77; Y. Girl, 1@2; Nugget, 3 bid; Tramp Con., 18@19.

MANHATTAN.

Manh. Con., 24@25; Manh. Min. Co., 2@4; G. Wedge, 3@4; S. Humphrey, 2 bid; Dexter, 5 bid; L. Joe, 1@2; Mustang, 10 bid; Little Grey, 5 bid; Cow Boy, 1@2; Ong. Manh., 5 asked; Broncho, 2 bid; J. Jack, 7 asked; Pinenut, 3 bid; Buffalo, 1@3; S. Dog, 9 bid; Y. Horse, 4 asked; Ind. Camp, 4 bid.

OTHER DISTRICTS.

Fairview Sil. King, 10 asked; Fairview Eagle, 38 bid; Nevada Hills, 2.95@3.00; Pittsburg Sil. Peak, 1.75@1.80; North Star Wonder, 2@3; Eagle's Nest, 22@23; Nev. Hills Florence, 6 asked.

CONCENTRATES.

Manager M. J. McGill of the New York Bonanza Mining company is down from Park City on a brief business trip.

The ore and bullion settlements reported late yesterday by McCornick & Co. were: Crude ore and concentrate, $10,000; base bullion, $80,500.

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BOSTON COPPER CLOSE.

Ahmeek, 40@50; R. & L., 75@85; Davis Daly, 3¾@3⅞; East Butte, 4⅛@4½; Globe, 6½@7; Helvetia, 1¼@1½; Majestic, 96@1.00; Nipissing, 6@6⅛, S. & P., 8⅞@9; Apex, 2⅛@2⅜; Black Mtn., 4⅝@4¾; Cum Ely, 6@6¼; Dom. Cop., 1⅝@1⅞; Giroux, 2⅝@2½; Hancock, 4¾@5; Kew, 5@5¼; Nev.-Utah, 2⅝@2¾; Raven, 86@87; Adventure, 2¼@2½; Arcadian, 3¾@4; Arnold, 40@50; Bingham Con., 4½@4¾; C. & A., 96@97; Centennial, 23¾@24½; Cop. Range, 56¾@57; Elm, 80@81; Greene-Cananea, 6@6¼; Mexico Con., 7¼@7⅝; Mohawk, 46@47; Nevada Con., 8 bid; Old Colony, 45@55; Osceola, 80½ bid; Phoenix, 50@75; R. I., 2½@3; Shannon, 9¾@10; Trinity, 14¼@15; Oil, 10½@10¾; Victoria, 4½@4¾; Wolverine, 1.12@1.15; La Salle, 10½@11 Balaklala, 2½@2¾; Royale, 17¾@18; U. S. S. com. 32¼@32¾; do., pfd., 36@37; Allouez, 26@26½; Az. Coml., 13½@13⅞; Atlantic, 8½@8¾; B. Coaln., 15½@15⅝; C. & H., 5.95@6.00; Con. Mercur, 25@30; Daly West, 8 asked; Franklin, 7½@8; Mass., 2¾@3; Michigan, 8¼@9; M. C. C. 1¼ asked; North Butte, 41¾@42; Old Dom., 29¾@30; Parrot, 9½@10; Quincy, 77@78; Santa Fe, 1¾@2; Tamarack, 67@70; United Copper, 7¼@7½; Utah Con., 29¼@29½; Winona, 4½@5; Wyandot, 69@75; Zinc, 21½@22; Dom. Copper, 10 bid; Boston Con., 10¼@10½.

NEW YORK CLOSING STOCKS.

Friday, Dec. 27, 1907.

Atchison	70½
Atchison pfd. (bid)	85
Baltimore & Ohio	81½
Canadian Pacific	150½
Chicago & Northwestern	135
Chicago & Northwestern pfd. (bid)	180
Colorado Southern	21¼
Denver & Rio Grande	20⅝
Denver & Rio Grande pfd.	55
Erie	16½
Illinois Central	122
Louisville & Nashville	92
Mexican Central	14½
Missouri Pacific	46¾
New York Central	91
Pennsylvania	110¾
Reading	94¼
Rock Island	15⅛
Rock Island pfd.	28
St. Paul	104½
Southern Pacific	73¾
Southern Railway	13
Union Pacific	118⅝
Union Pacific pfd.	79¼
Wabash	9⅞
Wisconsin Central (bid)	12
Northern Pacific	118¼
Great Northern, pfd	116⅛
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Amalgamated Copper	47⅜
American Car & Foundry	30½
American Locomotive	35
Am. Smelt. & Refining, ex. div.	76⅛
Am. Smelt. & Refining, pfd. ex.div.	91⅛
Brooklyn Rapid Transit	39½
Colorado Fuel & Iron	18¾
International Paper	18¼
National Biscuit, (b)	67¼
National Lead	39½
Pacific Mail	26
People's Gas	79¼
Pressed Steel Car	18¾
Pullman Palace Car, (b)	144
Standard Oil	436
Sugar	100¼
United States Steel	26⅝
United States Steel, pfd	87⅝
Western Union	85
Int. Met.	7⅛
Int. Met., pfd.	17½
Mackay Co.	52½
Mackay Co., pfd. (b)	58

TODAY'S MONEY MARKET.

New York, Dec. 27.—Money on call firm, 10 at 18 per cent; ruling rate 11 per cent; closing bid and offered at 15 per cent.

Time loans quiet, but firm; 60 days 12 to 15 per cent; and 90 days, 10 to 12 per cent; six months 8 per cent.

Close: Prime mercantile paper 7½ at 8 per cent. Sterling exchange steady with actual business in bankers' bills at 484.55 at 484.60 for demand, and at 479 at 479.10 for 60 day bills; commercial bills, 479.

Bar silver, 52½.

Mexican dollars, 40½.

Government and railroad bonds steady.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York, Dec. 27.—Dun's weekly review of trade tomorrow will say:

Bank clearings for the short week still show the heavy loss of preceding weeks, total bank exchanges for five days being $1,622,546,405, a decrease of 27.3 per cent, compared with the corresponding week of last year.

There is a loss at every city and it continues especially large at New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, New Orleans, Louisville and San Francisco.

THE DIVORCE MATINEE.

Judge Morse Grants Three Deserted Wives Decrees of Separation.

Judge Morse entered three decrees in favor of three deserted wives at his regular Friday default matinee this afternoon. The first decree was in favor of Laura S. Richter, who sued Gustav C. Richter.

Olive M. Bacon was granted a decree of divorce from James S. Bacon who prefers to live in Aspen, Colo., rather than with his wife in Salt Lake.

Bessie Place, wife of Gordon H. Place, formerly manager of the M. & M. association and a newspaperman, "off and on" in this city, was also awarded a decree of divorce, the custody of her children and $5 per cent of her former husband's earnings as alimony. Mrs. Place testified that Place deserted her just before her youngest child was born, going to Nevada and leaving with her little save his soiled linen. Place, according to her testimony, is a first class newspaperman, capable of earning $100 or more per month. As this testimony was given, several newspapermen in the courtroom inadvertently permitted a broad smile to spread over their countenances. A stern look, however, from over the court's eye-glasses seemed to warn them that their conduct bordered closely upon contempt of court, and they resumed their normal facial composure.

BULL OPERATORS WERE ENCOURAGED

Bought Liberally Because Rise in Prices Did Not Meet Any Amount of Stocks.

CLOSE WAS AT THE HIGHEST.

Standard Railroads and More Active Specialties Were Bought On the Rise.

New York, Dec. 27.—Opening prices of stocks moved irregularly within a narrow compass and on a small volume of business. A rise of a point in Missouri Pacific and a decline of ⅝ in St. Paul, Erie first preferred and Toledo, St. Louis and Western preferred were the most notable changes.

There was a general sag to prices after the first few minutes, prompted by evidence of liquidation in the industrials. The decline cost American Smelting 1½ and Illinois Central and Great Northern preferred. A fairly good demand arose later for the representative railroads and the entire market recovered briskly. Northern Pacific and American Sugar sold 1⅝ above last night and New York Central, Union Pacific, Colorado & Southern first preferred, North American and Amalgamated Copper and Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis gained 1½.

Prices continued to rise on list transactions. Union Pacific and Northern Pacific gained 2⅛; Missouri Pacific, 1⅝, Reading 1⅜, Great Northern Ore certificates and Pacific Mail 1¼; Southern Pacific and Pennsylvania, 1⅛, and Mackay companys and Anaconda, 1.

Third Avenue fell 5½, Granby Mining, 5; Sloss Steel, 1⅛, and Colorado Southern second preferred, 1½ and U. S. Reduction preferred, 1¾.

Bonds were steady.

Bull operators were encouraged to buy more liberally owing to the fact that the rise in price did not encounter any considerable amount of stocks. Great Northern Ore certificates advanced 2¾, Colorado & Southern first preferred 3¾, Northern Pacific 2½, Great Northern preferred 1¾, New York Central and Amalgamated Copper 1½, and St. Paul, Colorado & Southern and United States Steel preferred 1.

The market closed steady and dull. A continuance of the rise extended the gains for Cleveland, C. C. & St. Louis preferred to 6¼, Great Northern Ore certificates 3¾, American Sugar 3⅝, General Electric 3, Missouri Pacific 2¾, Great Northern pfd. 2, Southern Pacific and Pennsylvania 1¾, and Kansas City Southern pfd. and the American Smelting stocks 1. Some reaction followed a rise in the money rate. Denver & Rio Grande preferred fell a point.

There was a rally to top prices.

The standard railroad stocks and the more active specialties were bought on rising prices. Northern Pacific gained 3½, St. Paul and American Sugar 2⅝, Reading and Amalgamated copper and B. & O., U. S. Steel and General Electric 1.

LIVESTOCK.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts about 3,500; market steady. Beeves 3.45@4.75; cows and heifers 1.20@4.65; Texans 3.10@3.90; calves 5.00@6.75; westerns 3.30@4.75; stockers and feeders 2.35@4.25.

Hogs—Receipts about 22,000; market 5@10c higher. Lights 4.20@4.55; mixed 4.20@4.65; heavies 4.20@4.65; roughs 4.20@4.35; pigs 3.70@4.40; bulk of sales 4.40@4.45.

Sheep—Receipts about 11,000; market steady. Natives 2.00@4.75; yearlings 4.50@5.25; westerns 4.25@6.60.

KANSAS CITY.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts 1,500 including 200 southerns. Market steady; native steers 3.80@5.50; native cows and heifers 2.00@4.75; stockers and feeders 3.00@4.25; bulls 2.50@3.75; calves 3.50@6.50; western steers 3.50@4.50; western cows 2.50@3.50.

Hogs—Receipts 7,000; market 5@15 cents higher. Bulk of sales 4.30@4.40; heavy 4.35@4.50; packers 4.40@4.45; pigs and light 4.00@4.40.

Sheep—Receipts 2,000; market strong. Muttons 3.75@4.50; lambs 5.25@6.25; range wethers 3.50@5.00; fed ewes 3.00@4.20.

OMAHA.

South Omaha, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts 1,200; market strong to 10c higher. Native steers 3.25@5.50; cows and heifers 2.00@4.00; western steers 3.00@4.60; Texas steers 3.75@4.10; range cows and heifers 1.75@3.25; canners 1.50@2.75; stockers and feeders 2.50@4.25; calves 3.00@4.00; bulls and stags 1.60@3.75.

Hogs—Receipts 5,700; 5@10 cents higher. Heavy 4.37½@4.45; mixed 4.37½@4.40; lights 4.30@4.40; pigs 4.00@4.35; bulk of sales 4.37½@4.40.

Sheep—Receipts 20,000; market 10 cents higher. Yearlings 4.30@4.60; wethers 4.00@4.35; ewes 3.55@4.00; lambs 5.40@4.90.

PRODUCE.

CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The wheat market today opened weak because of lower Liverpool cables but soon rallied on a good demand from shorts. May wheat opened ½@⅝c to ⅞@1c lower at 1.09⅛@⅛ to 1.08½ and sold at 1.07.

The corn market opened easy in sympathy with wheat and because of liberal local receipts. Later prices advanced when wheat rallied. May corn opened a shade to ⅛c lower at 56⅝@⅝ and sold at 58⅝@⅝.

The oats market was easy because of large local receipts. May oats opened ⅛ to ¼c lower at 53¼ to 53⅜ and sold at 53⅛@⅜.

The provisions market was firm because of a 10c advance in the price of live hogs. May pork was up 7½@12.15. Lard was 2½@5c higher at 7.82½. Ribs unchanged at 7.95.

EVAPORATED FRUITS.

New York, Dec. 27—There was very little business in the market for dried fruits, and prices were more or less nominal. Evaporated apples were unchanged, with fancy quoted at 11@12c; choice, 10c; prime 8½@8¾c, and 100s fruit at 7@7½c.

Prunes were steady, with quotations ranging from 5½@12c for California fruit and from 6@7½c for Oregons.

Apricots remained firm, with choice at 22@23c, extra choice at 23@25c; fancy, 24@28.

Peaches quiet; choice 12@12½c; extra choice 12½@13½c; fancy 13@13½c; extra fancy, 14@14½c.

Raisins were dull and rather easy with loose muscatel quoted at 7@7½c; seeded raisins at 7@9½c, and London layers at 1.70@1.80.

SUGAR AND COFFEE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Sugar raw steady. Fair refining 3.30@3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00@3.05.

Refined quiet; crushed 5.50; powdered 5.20; granulated 4.90.

Coffee quiet; No. 7 Rio 6½; No. 4 Santos 8c.

BUTTER AND EGGS.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Butter steady; creameries 26@32c; dairies 18@28.

Eggs—Steady at mark, cases included, fresh stock 29@30c; others as low as 18c.

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